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Message

Copy of 3/5/2008 Adopted Resolution
on the opposition to the construction
of a Toiyup coal-fired power project.

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RESOLUTION 2008**A RESOLUTION OF THE VIRGIN TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOQUOP POWER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is considering giving Sithe Global Inc. permission to construct the Toquop Power Project, a coal-fired power plant near Utah's border, west of St. George; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is currently accepting public comment regarding the construction of the Toquop Project; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Southern Utah is a tourism-based economy that is renowned for and greatly benefits from remarkably good air quality, which allows visitors to the area to view and enjoy our spectacular landscapes, National Parks and State Parks, and starry night skies; and

WHEREAS, the ordinances of the Town of Virgin state a goal of preservation of the assets that provide its economic base, including views of open desert and geologic formations, clean air, clean water, and dark night skies;

WHEREAS, the Town of Virgin, as an entry town to Zion National Park, feels a responsibility to protect the general health of the Park's environment, especially the air quality which allows visitors to enjoy the spectacular landscapes and star-filled night sky; and

WHEREAS, by using a coal-fired process, the Toquop Power Project will release pollutants into the atmosphere and onto the land, thereby degrading the quality of life of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Study did not adequately analyze the impacts of increased air pollution on the economy of Washington County, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Study did not include renewable energy sources as an alternative to coal or natural gas-fired energy production,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Virgin hereby opposes the construction of the coal-fired Toquop Power Project and urges the State of Nevada, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Land Management to deny the proposed coal-fired alternative, and seek other less impacting alternatives to provide for the power needs of Nevada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council urges Utah's Governor Jon Huntsman, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, the Utah Congressional Delegation, and the elected officials of Washington County to be united in opposing the Toquop coal-fired plant in an effort to protect Utah's air quality and the quality of life for the residents, businesses, and visitors of Washington County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of MARCH, 2008.


John Grow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ray Golata, Town Clerk